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From: Lampe, Lawrence (lampelp)
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 10:51 AM
To: Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: FW: Conference Call Today at 11:00 AM ET

From: Lisa Zaneccchia [<mailto:lisaz@bigeast.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 9:34 AM
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Subject: Conference Call Today at 11:00 AM ET

I have been asked to advise you there will be a conference call of the Football Presidents today, December 12 at 11:00 am ET.

DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2012
TIME: 11:00 am EDT

DIAL-IN NUMBER: (877) 746-4263
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Thank you.

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To: Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: FW: Football Presidents Conference Call Today at 2:00 PM ET

Importance: High

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Subject: Football Presidents Conference Call Today at 2:00 PM ET
Importance: High

On behalf of Mike Aresco I have been asked to notify you of a conference call for today, Friday, December 14 at 2:00 PM ET.

DATE: Friday, December 14, 2012
TIME: 2:00 pm EDT

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Please let me know if you are able to participate.

Thank you.
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From: Ono, Santa (onosa)
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2012 4:22 PM
To: Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: Fwd: revised version

Ryan

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Sincerely,

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Subject: Message from Mike Aresco

Please see the following on behalf of Mike Aresco.

I have been working with Peter Zern to establish a process for the negotiations between our two groups. I am also reaching out to our stakeholders, e.g., TV networks, Madison Square Garden, etc. As I know all of you must be tired of the conference calls, I am not planning to call one over the next few days unless I have significant information for the group to discuss.

Please feel free to call me individually if you have any questions.

Thanks,
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Larry

Please reply with my availability

Best wishes,

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Subject: Message from Mike Aresco Regarding Television

Please see the email below on behalf of Mike Aresco.

Chris Bevilacqua and I have spoken to ESPN and other networks and we are re-engaging this week regarding negotiations for a TV deal for our group of 13.

Thanks,
Mike

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Subject: FW: Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco: 'We feel we have a very good league'

The following story in in today's Washington Post.
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http://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/colleges/big-east-commissioner-mike-aresco-we-feel-we-have-a-very-good-league/2012/12/19/2fb80652-4a1e-11e2-820e-17eefac2f939_story.html

Big East Commissioner Mike Aresco: 'We feel we have a very good league'

By **Liz Clarke**, Wednesday, December 19, 10:54 PM
Washington Post

In four months on the job as commissioner of the Big East, Mike Aresco has become acutely familiar with the tumult of conference realignment, receiving departure notices from 10 members since September: Notre Dame, Rutgers, Louisville and now Georgetown and the six other Catholic schools that don't play top-level football.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Aresco voiced confidence the Big East will remain a viable league, partly by expanding west of the Mississippi. He also shed light on the rationale behind the Catholic seven's breakaway. And he said he expects issues such as who gets the "Big East" name and privilege of holding its basketball tournament at Madison Square Garden to be negotiated amicably.

Here's a partial transcript of what Aresco had to say:

Q. What's your level of confidence that the Big East will remain a viable conference?

A. We're obviously confident. We have 13 very good schools that play football and basketball or football only. East Carolina, in all likelihood, will end up playing basketball as well as football in this configuration. We have Navy, Boise State and San Diego State set to play football only. And we have some significant basketball brands in Connecticut, Cincinnati, Memphis, Temple, South Florida, with Larry Brown at SMU and Houston with historically a terrific program. We think we have a lot to build on in basketball and have always positioned ourselves as having football with significant growth potential.

Q. Officials at Tulane and East Carolina have said they remain enthusiastic about joining the Big East despite the basketball schools' departure. Are Boise State and San Diego State equally committed?

A. Obviously they are farther away but have been committed to the model, very much so. We're going to move forward now and work on TV. I asked as commissioner, 'Do we want to stay together and make this model work?' And the response has been yes, and they have been very firm.

Realignment is the world we live in now. We know the winds are buffeting everyone, so one hesitates to make predictions. But our group has been firm. We feel we have a very good league. We've got some real assets in this league, although we probably have to let people know. When you go through what we've gone through, it's not easy to get the narrative in the place you like it.

Q. Presumably you envision further expansion?

A. We certainly have room, as a 13-team league with Navy coming in in 2014, to add a 14th team. My guess is we'd look west. There are western schools that have asked to join us. I don't know if we would be a 14- or 16-team conference.

Our goal is to hold together. We know realignment may not stop, but you can't *not* forge the future because various shoes might drop in realignment. So looking out west — we have a western presence, and it would fit in with our Texas presence. And there are western bowl games that would have an interest in us.

Q. Will the "Big East" name still fit your league after the Catholic seven leave?

A. We're going to look at all of that. Obviously the Big East name is important. Obviously the basketball group would want to form its own conference and keep an automatic qualifying for the NCAA tournament; our group obviously

wants to do the same. We'll have to see where the name fits in with that. We'll definitely sit down with the other group and work this out.

Q. Staging your basketball championship at Madison Square Garden is a high-profile asset. Is that also up for discussion with the departing basketball schools?

A. That would also be part of the conversation. As you know, we'll have tournaments there this year and next. Syracuse and Pitt will leave after this year, but we expect our full complement of teams next year.

In terms of the Garden, our deal is in place. Our two groups will sit down, roll up their sleeves and discuss it. I expect it to be entirely amicable. We understand the reasons for the basketball decision, and we want this to be amicable. We would have preferred everyone stayed together, but we understand the underpinnings of this.

Q. Could the Catholic seven leave one year earlier than Big East rules provide, in June 2014 rather than June 2015?

A. After the 2014 season, if teams did want to leave early, our group would at least entertain that at some point. Both groups might feel it benefits them; or it might not.

Q. In the days between the Dec. 9 meeting in which presidents of the basketball schools informed you they were considering leaving, and their Dec. 15 announcement that they were doing so, were efforts made to preserve the league?

A. The Sunday meeting was a culmination of a series of discussions we had been having. Louisville's departure hit very hard. What the basketball schools were concerned about was that realignment might not be stopping. Their feeling was that realignment had been football-driven from the beginning, and it had cost the Big East many schools over the past decade.

We thought there was a period of calm. Then all the sudden, the Big Ten took Rutgers and Maryland, and that created another move by the ACC [taking Louisville from the Big East].

Their feeling was that the winds were buffeting them, and it was football-related, and if they went back to their roots as a basketball group, they wouldn't have to worry about that. We had several discussions about that, and we talked about ways we could keep the conference together. . . .

Ultimately the basketball group felt that they had the ability to withdraw as a group. They felt it was best for them. We're now going to roll up our sleeves and work out the various issues.

Q. How will the exit fees that are due from departing schools be shared with the Catholic seven?

A. We're going to figure out a fair resolution. . . .

Our goal is to make this amicable. There are a lot of longstanding relationships among the football and basketball schools, and there are great people involved all around. It behooves all of us to do this in an orderly and dignified way.

Hays, Ryan (haysrn)

From: Babcock, Whit (babcocwt)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2012 8:55 AM
To: Ono, Santa (onosa); Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: Tweet from Brett McMurphy (@McMurphyESPN)

Fyi....

Brett McMurphy (@McMurphyESPN) tweeted at 8:45 AM on Thu, Dec 20, 2012:

Big East open to let Catholic 7 leave in 2014 & ECU likely to become all-sports member Aresco tells Wash Post

(<https://twitter.com/McMurphyESPN/status/281757172881305600>)

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From: Lisa Zanecchia <lisaz@bigeast.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 26, 2012 1:14 PM
To: John Hitt; Ono, Santa (onosa); Herbst, Susan; Steve Ballard; Renu Khator; Shirley Raines; Michael Miller; Elliot Hirshman; judygenshaft@gmail.com; Genshaft, President Judy (JGensha@usf.edu); Gerald Turner; Scott Cowen; Dr. Neil Theobald
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TIME: 4:00 EDT

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Thank you.

Lisa

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Importance: High

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From: Lampe, Lawrence (lampelp)
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 9:29 AM
To: Ono, Santa (onos)
Subject: FW: Conference Call Today at 11:00 am ET to discuss Boise State

Good morning Dr. Ono,

Are you up for participating in this call or should I see if Ryan can?

Let me know either way!

Thanks,

Larry

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Ono, Santa (onosa)

From: Ono, Santa (onosa)
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 10:26 AM
To: Lisa Zaneccchia
Subject: Re: Conference Call Today at 11:00 am ET to discuss Boise State

A thriller that's for sure

Sincerely,

Santa J. Ono
President
Professor of Pediatrics & Biology
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On Dec 28, 2012, at 10:12 AM, "Lisa Zaneccchia" <lisaz@bigeast.org> wrote:

Thank you. Congratulations on a great win last night!

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From: Lampe, Lawrence (lampelp)
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 11:45 AM
To: Ono, Santa (onosa)
Subject: RE: Football Presidents and Directors of Athletics Meeting in Dallas - January 11

Yes, I had already been planning on it happening on the 11th. It might make for a long day as you will probably fly there and back the same day, if possible. That way you can attend the Winkler Memorial Service on the 10th.

Thoughts?

Larry

From: Ono, Santa (onosa)
Sent: Friday, December 28, 2012 11:43 AM
To: Lampe, Lawrence (lampelp); Dolan, Lindsey (dolanly)
Subject: Fwd: Football Presidents and Directors of Athletics Meeting in Dallas - January 11

Is this possible?

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This looks perfectly appropriate, Mike.

Neil

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I suggested that Bob make us a proposal, tell us what he needs to stay in the Conference and that we would review it. Although he didn't commit to doing that, I think he may. I received a subsequent call from Joel Lulla, who said he was trying to slow down the process. I again suggested that they send us a proposal, tell us what they need. Joel will talk to Bob, and they may give us a number, or a percentage of our overall revenue, that they would want regardless of what our TV deal is. Although that puts all the risk on us, and likely would remain unacceptable to us, they do not seem willing to wait until we get an indication on our TV deal, which their actions have clouded. Of course, this may be more posturing, just don't know. Nevertheless, I said we would review any proposal they make, which I will relay to you for discussion.

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Sent: Monday, December 31, 2012 5:21 PM
To: ENGLERT Richard; HIRSHMAN Elliot; TURNER R Gerald; KHATOR Renu; Ono, Santa (onosa); RAINES Shirley; HERBST Susan; Vice Admiral Michael Miller; Ballard Steve; Cowen Scott; theobald@temple.edu; BRADSHAW Bill; GLADCHUCK Chet; STERK Jim; RHOADES Mack; HART Rick; BOWEN Tom; MANUEL Warde; Babcock, Whit (babcocwt); Terry Holland; Richard P Dickson; Zern Peter
Subject: Re: Boise

Upon landing, I received a voicemail from Bob Kustra confirming the reports. I will have a statement for your review shortly.

Thanks.

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2012, at 4:07 PM, "Michael L. Aresco" <mlaresco@bigeast.org> wrote:

> I just landed in New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl and got the reports about Boise returning to the MWC. I will call Bob to verify. If accurate, as appears it may be, I will issue an initial statement after you have had a chance to review and comment.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 9:09 AM
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Cc: mlaresco@bigeast.org
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Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 9:28 AM
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Subject: Re: Happy New Year

Thanks, Neil.

On behalf of the Conference and Conference office, I extend a warm welcome to you. I concur with your description of our Conference, and congratulate you and Temple on yesterday's milestone.

I look forward to working with you and our other presidents to assure a strong future for the Big East.

Best,

Mike

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Cowen, Scott S <scowen@tulane.edu>
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Cc: miaresco@bigeast.org
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From: John Hitt <John.Hitt@ucf.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 10:12 AM
To: Neil D. Theobald
Cc: HIRSHMAN Elliot; TURNER R Gerald; KHATOR Renu; Ono, Santa (onosa); RAINES Shirley; HERBST Susan; Vice Admiral Michael Miller; Ballard Steve; Cowen Scott; jgensha@usf.edu; John Hitt; mlaresco@bigeast.org
Subject: Re: Happy New Year

Thanks and welcome, Neil. As you and Scott have said so well, our conference has outstanding strength and potential. I look forward to working with you and our colleagues to build a bright future for the Big East. Hope to see you in Dallas on the 11th.

John

John C. Hitt
President, UCF

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Hays, Ryan (haysrn)

From: Cowen, Scott S <scowen@tulane.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 10:25 AM
To: Ono, Santa (onosa)
Subject: RE: Happy New Year

Santa,

Now that you mention it, I do recall our visit. Congratulations (or perhaps condolences-these jobs are impossible) on your Presidency of Cincinnati. They are fortunate to have you in that position.

Scott

From: Ono, Santa (onosa) [<mailto:onosa@UCMAIL.UC.EDU>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 9:18 AM
To: Cowen, Scott S
Subject: Re: Happy New Year

Happy New Scott. I don't know if you recall, but we served with John Casteen together on Duke's SACS visit. Look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Santa J. Ono
President
Professor of Pediatrics & Biology
University of Cincinnati

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From: Elliot Hirshman <ellieth@mail.sdsu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 01, 2013 11:25 AM
To: Neil D. Theobald
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Subject: Re: Happy New Year

Neil,

Thanks for convcying these positive sentiments and best wishes to you, your family and the entire Temple community as you begin your Presidency.

Best,
Elliot

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From: Michael L. Aresco <mlaresco@bigeast.org>
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 1:31 PM
To: Michael L. Aresco
Cc: Michael L. Aresco
Subject: Newtown Ribbons
Attachments: ESPN - Newtown Ribbons.docx



To: Presidents, Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators
From: Michael Aresco
CC:
Subject: BIG EAST Conference Remembers Newtown, CT
Date: January 3, 2013

I commend all of our institutions, teams, coaches, support staffs and conference office staff for their efforts in honoring and remembering the victims of the Sandy Hook School tragedy in Newtown, CT.

Michael L. Aresco

Commissioner
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ESPN.com: Katz



Thursday, January 3, 2013

Big East honors Sandy Hook

The media swarm has left Newtown, Conn.

The national attention has shifted to the fiscal cliff.

The politics from the Newtown tragedy will likely return when the new Congress debates an assault weapons ban sometime this winter.

But college basketball has an opportunity to continue to honor the memory of the 20 children and six adults tragically killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in the tranquil Connecticut town on Dec. 14.

UConn has done a wonderful job of honoring the victims and their families with a Sandy Hook patch on the men's and women's uniforms, a scholarship fund for siblings of the victims and other graduates of the elementary school that is up to \$500,000 as of Saturday and a basketball clinic last week by the men's team.

During a recent game, Providence shed its black-and-white attire for green uniforms, the school colors of Sandy Hook. The Friars have also sectioned off an area with 26 empty seats.

Now, the Big East has chimed in with a collective effort that shows the conference's unity in its final hours. This may go down as one of the lasting legacies of a great conference filled with old souls in the league office.

The Big East huddled in the week before Christmas to discuss what it could do to ensure the victims were honored appropriately. The consensus was for the men's and women's coaches, staff, players and officials, the latter two groups on their warm-ups, to wear green-and-white ribbons for the first 26 men's and women's games.

The Big East didn't publicize the move, but if you've watched any of the conference's games so far, you saw the staff wearing the ribbons.

Big East senior associate commissioner Paul Brazeau said the conference wanted to make sure it didn't upstage UConn. The conference wanted to respect how the Huskies had stepped up first to honor the victims and their families.

Brazeau said the schools don't have to stop wearing the ribbons if they choose.

"The first 26 games for both the men and women recognize the 26 losses in Newtown," he said. "Connecticut is in our community, near all of our teams. We wanted to do something league-wide to contribute to the memory and to keep everyone's mind on the topic."

Brazeau said there was tremendous cooperation from the home teams. The conference didn't have time to send out the ribbons to every team, so it sent them to the home teams and asked for their help in distributing them to their opponents, which is what happened at Pitt with Cincinnati on New Year's Eve.

College basketball has plenty of faults and failings, but one thing the sport has done well is drive awareness to causes and honor those who have fallen during the regular season, whether it is coaches wearing sneakers for cancer or no shoes for Samaritan's Feet or giving back to the military with on-site games. This display by UConn and the Big East may be one of the best.



Tyler Olander, Shabazz Napier and UConn were the first in the Big East to honor Newtown.

Ono, Santa (onosa)

From: Lisa Zaneccchia [lisaz@bigeast.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 9:54 AM
To: Lisa Zaneccchia
Cc: Lisa Zaneccchia
Subject: San Diego State Update

Dear Football Presidents and Directors of Athletics:

Please see the statement below from Mike Aresco.

I want to give you a heads-up that, according to Elliot, the discussions between the Mountain West Conference and San Diego State are proceeding.

I will update you as I know more today. Should a decision be made that San Diego State will remain in the Mountain West Conference, we and San Diego State will have a joint statement for you to review that will be positive in nature.

Lisa Zaneccchia
Assistant to the Commissioner
Big East Conference
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Hays, Ryan (haysrn)

From: University of Cincinnati President's Office (presoff)
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 12:34 PM
To: Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: ACC Communication - Holiday Card
Attachments: UC Holiday Card.pdf

The attached holiday card was sent on December 12, 2012 to many university Presidents across the country, including Presidents of institutions in the ACC.

Sincerely,

Santa J. Ono
President
University of Cincinnati

May your holidays
be joyful and your
New Year
filled with happiness



President Santa J. Ono, Wendy Yip & Family

Hays, Ryan (haysrn)

From: University of Cincinnati President's Office (presoff)
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 12:48 PM
To: Hays, Ryan (haysrn)
Subject: ACC Communication - Nippert Stadium
Attachments: Nippert Stadium notecard.docx

The attached notecard was sent on Friday, January 11, 2013 to each of the institutional Presidents in the ACC. The notes were each accompanied by a DVD of UC's plans for Nippert Stadium.

Sincerely,

Santa J. Ono
President
University of Cincinnati

1-11-2013

Dear XXXX,

UC's 120-year tradition of great college football is taking a major step forward with plans to renovate our historic Nippert Stadium. Located in the heart of our campus, Nippert shines as one of the nation's oldest college football venues. I invite you to watch the enclosed DVD to learn more about our exciting plans.

All the best,

Santa J. Ono